

FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY GARDEN (www.fairhavencommunitygarden.org) - 2026 Guidelines

1. Garden organically - no synthetic/chemical fertilizers, bug repellents or weed killer - no soluble nitrates (*i.e. MiracleGrow, etc*). Contact Site Coordinator for advice.
2. Keep garden bed(s) and adjacent paths free of weeds and trash.
3. No pressurized wood, garden ornaments or decorations.
4. Put non-diseased garden waste and other organic matter in the compost bin.
5. Take all trash and diseased garden waste home for proper disposal.
6. Report any vandalism or theft to the site coordinator.
7. Conserve water by watering only when necessary and by watering at the base of individual plants (*no sprinklers*). Water in the morning or evening, avoiding mid-day when water evaporates. Use natural mulch (*hay, straw, grass clippings, seaweed*) to reduce evaporation.
8. Harvest all ripe produce. Site Coordinator reserves the right to harvest neglected mature produce and place it in a share basket for other gardeners to take.
9. When borrowing tools from shed, return them clean, in proper place and lock door.
10. No pets allowed within the garden fence.
11. No smoking in or around the garden.
12. Cultivating cannabis sativa (*i.e. marijuana*) is prohibited on school property.
13. Anyone planning to work in the **Wood** or **East Fairhaven** gardens during school hours (*Sept - June, M - F, 8:30 am - 3 pm; except closures*) must fill out a CORI form in the school office. Also, gardeners are asked to check in at the school office when they are on-site, every time they garden during school hours. **Hastings** gardeners can **only** garden after school hours.
14. Cars must be parked in school parking lot while gardening during school hours.
15. Leave garden bed(s) in good condition in the fall, removing all plants and debris.

These guidelines are intended for the health and safety of all and for conservation of the land.

Please share questions, ideas and concerns with the Site Coordinator and fellow gardeners. Thanks for your help and have a great gardening season.

FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY GARDEN - 2026 - Agreement

I will:

- ✓ Abide by the above rules and check my email weekly for garden updates.
- ✓ Sign schedule sheet for filling rain barrels and volunteer to tidy shed, weed/mow paths and edges, turn compost as well as do garden upkeep and occasional light carpentry as needed.
- ✓ Plant my garden by the first weekend in June or my bed(s) will be given to the next person on the waiting list. No refund will be given after June 7.
- ✓ Visit my garden bed(s) often to water, weed and watch it grow.
- ✓ Respect and cooperate with other gardeners to meet mutual needs and not trespass on other beds.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Preferred site: Hastings Middle School East Fairhaven School Wood School

Make checks payable to: 'Town of Fairhaven' and mail to FCG, 19 Lafayette Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

(For Office Use: Bed #(s): _____ One 4x8 bed = \$10 - received _____ Two 4x8 beds = \$20 - received _____)